

That Anti-Amoskeag Equity Suit, With Stinging Charges, AVERRING COLLUSIVE INTERESTS As a Foundation for the Non-Resident Attack on Home Engines.

SOME REALLY READABLE REPLIES

Chief J. O. Brown, E. M. Bigelow and R. C. Elliott yesterday filed their answer in the equity proceedings instituted by H. E. Safford against the Board of Awardees to prevent them from giving the contract for the two fire engines to the Manchester Locomotive Works, the manufacturers of the Amoskeag engine. Mayor McCallin has already filed his separate answer, in which he virtually admitted the allegations of Safford, and explained his reasons for voting against the award of the contract to the Amoskeag Company.

The answer of Chief Brown, Bigelow and Elliott, commenced by denying the first paragraph of Safford's bill, and holding that he is not a bona fide taxpayer in the city of Pittsburgh, nor is he an owner of any real estate whereon taxes have been or will be levied and assessed against him in the city.

Continuing, the answer in substance says: We aver that this bill has been filed by plaintiff, directly in the interest of the Clapp & Jones and the La France Engine Companies, in which he is pecuniarily interested, and that he is directly interested in a pecuniary manner in procuring the vacation and annulment of the award to the Manchester Locomotive Works, and procuring the award to the companies or one of them, and that the award thus interested. And that the averment that he is a taxpayer and owner of property in said city, is a bare pretense and does not fully state the real situation of the plaintiff, that the bill is not filed in good faith, but is collusive and a fraud upon the court.

Second—The averments in the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh paragraphs of the bill are admitted, except it is denied that the bids of the La France Company, or the Clapp & Jones Company, complied with the specifications.

Third—It is not true, as averred in the eighth paragraph, that the contract is as yet not fully executed, but must be approved by the Council of Pittsburgh and must be signed by the Council of the Department of Public Safety, but it becomes binding. On the 22d of October, 1888, the Department of Awards awarded the contract to the Manchester Locomotive Works and made order of the same to Council. On the 12th of November, 1888, Common Council did the same, and on the 12th of February, 1889, the City of Pittsburgh, as Chief, signed the contract as required under the law.

Fourth—The averment in the ninth paragraph, that the bid of the Manchester Locomotive Works was greater than that of the other two companies, is admitted, but it is further denied that the bid of the Manchester Locomotive Works was the lowest, and that the Clapp & Jones Company complied with the specifications.

The averments in the tenth paragraph are denied.

Sixth—The averments in the eleventh paragraph are denied.

Seventh—For answer to the twelfth and thirteenth paragraphs, the defendants say that the bid of the Manchester Locomotive Works complied in all particulars with the specifications referred to in said paragraphs, and that the bids of the other two companies were not in compliance with the specifications, and that the Manchester Locomotive Works were the lowest bidder.

Eighth—For answer to the fourteenth paragraph, the defendants say that the guarantee therein mentioned was superior and not called for by the specifications, and embraced nothing which was not already included in the contract, even without any guaranty.

Ninth—The defendants deny the averments contained in the fifteenth paragraph, except as they are hereafter admitted.

Tenth—The averments contained in paragraph sixteen of the amended bill are admitted.

Eleventh—The averment in paragraph 17 is denied.

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Twelfth—And, for the further answer in this behalf, the defendants say that the bill should not be sustained, for the reason that the defendants, the Department of Awards and the Council of Pittsburgh, in determining this matter, acted in good faith, and that the Manchester Locomotive Works were the lowest bidder, and that the Clapp & Jones Company did not comply with the specifications.

Thirteenth—The defendants say that the award made to the Manchester Locomotive Works was a valid award, and that the Clapp & Jones Company did not comply with the specifications.

Fourteenth—The defendants say that the guarantee mentioned in the specifications was not called for by the specifications, and that the Manchester Locomotive Works were the lowest bidder.

Fifteenth—The defendants say that the award made to the Manchester Locomotive Works was a valid award, and that the Clapp & Jones Company did not comply with the specifications.

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